

Information Technology (IT)

Subject content

In the first year you will study the following two mandatory units:

- Fundamentals of IT
- Global Information.

These units provide an insight into the IT sector, as they investigate the pace of technological change, IT infrastructure, and the flow of information on a global scale, as well as the important legal and security considerations. In the second year you will explore application design and develop a prototype to meet a user requirement. You will then take two optional units. The optional units could include: cyber security, product development, mobile technology, social media and digital marketing, games design and prototyping, internet of everything or web design and prototyping.

Cambridge Extended Technical Certificate in IT course specifications [<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-technicals-it-level-3-certificate-introductory-diploma-diploma-subsiary-diploma-extended-diploma-05347-05349-05352-05355-05358/>]

Assessment

Assessment is by 67% examination and 33% coursework. Grading/UCAS points are awarded as follows for this qualification:

Grade	UCAS Tariff points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Progression opportunities

This qualification will give learners a range of specialist knowledge and transferable skills in the field context of applied IT, providing them with the opportunity to progress to a related HE course, enter an apprenticeship or move directly into employment. Students may go on and study relevant IT degrees such as: Computing and IT, Computing Science, Software Development, Software Engineering, ICT and Computer Networks, Business Information Systems or Digital Media. Past students have progressed into a variety of career paths, from system developers, web designers, IT support, to teachers and digital marketers. An IT qualification will prove valuable regardless of your chosen career path.

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